

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **January 10, 2006**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Appropriation of Interdisciplinary Child Abuse & Neglect Advocacy Project
(Child Interview Center)**

RECOMMENDATION: Amend the FY 2006 City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund Budget and appropriate \$20,220, fully reimbursable by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, to fund the development of a Child Interview Center to be located at the Human Services building.

SUMMARY: Reports of child sexual abuse and severe child physical abuse are met with an immediate, coordinated, multidisciplinary response in Lynchburg. A Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) of highly trained Child Protective Services Investigators, Police Department Investigators, Forensic Nurse Examiners, representatives from the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Victim Witness advocates, and mental health professionals was formally established in 2002.

The MDT has applied for and been awarded a grant of \$20,220 to develop a Child Interview Center. The goal of the Child interview Center is to provide the severely physically and/or sexually abused/neglected child with a neutral, friendly place in which he/she can disclose the nature of the abuse/neglect to one MDT member. Other MDT members observe the interview via a two-way mirror. In this way, the child does not have to endure the trauma of multiple interviews by different interviewers attempting to secure the same information.

The Child Interview Center will be located in the Human Services building. An existing conference room and adjacent closet on the fifth floor will be renovated to create a reception/waiting area, a child interview room, MDT observation room, conference space and a resource library. The areas are designed to be child friendly and supportive of children who have been severely abused/neglected. The grant also provides funds to furnish the space and to equip the Center with a video recording system and a closed circuit capacity for the observation room.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: This is a one time only grant with no local cost to the City. Funds will be reimbursed to the City from the State on a monthly basis.

CONTACT(S): Mark Johnson, x 5803

ATTACHMENT(S): "Commonwealth of Virginia, Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Notice of Intent to Award dated August 30, 2005;" Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED That the City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund FY 2006 is amended and \$20,220 is appropriated, with full reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources for the development of a Child Interview Center to be located at the Department of Social Services, to address the significant needs of severely physically and/or sexually abused/neglected children in Lynchburg.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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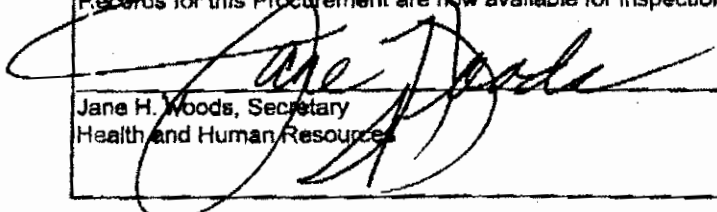
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

DATE: 8/30/05

COMMODITY: Child Advocacy Centers
IN RESPONSE TO RFP # HHR-06-007 ISSUED JUNE 27, 2005

ORGANIZATION	AWARD
FULLY ACCREDITED CENTERS	
Childrens Hospital of the Kings Daughters	\$111,111
Southern VA Child Advocacy Center	\$111,111
Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol/Washington	\$111,111
ASSOCIATE CENTERS	
Arlington County Child & Family Services	\$60,732
Child Help USA Children's Centers of Virginia	\$56,350
Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc.	\$55,735
Winchester Medical Center	\$55,350
Radford University	\$53,275
Greater Richmond SCAN	\$51,891
DEVELOPING CENTERS	
Lynchburg Social Services	\$20,220
County of Albemarle	\$74,799
Alexandria Community Trust	\$50,261
VA Beach Dept. of Health Services	\$47,056
Valley Children's Center	\$57,973
Children's Advocacy Center of Roanoke Valley	\$48,352
Kids Help program - Mathews Dept. of Social Services	\$34,673

Records for this Procurement are now available for inspection by any offeror on this RFP


Jane H. Woods, Secretary
Health and Human Resources